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## Margaret M. Gibson Correspondence

Margaret M. Gibson 1879-1938

Louis Dallas Gibson 1878-

Hilda McLeod  
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GIBSON, MARGARET M.



October 13, 1939

Mr. Louis D. Gibson  
Shore Road, Cape Elizabeth  
South Portland, RFD 1, Maine

Dear Mr. Gibson:

The gift copy of Mrs. Gibson's verses has been received, and we hasten to express to you our very sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity.

We have had opportunity only to glance at the poems, but are arrested by their quality; and look forward to a more thorough examination of them.

The book itself is a most artistic production, and a very fine addition to any library. We feel especially privileged, realizing how small was the edition, to be able to add this volume to the Maine Author Collection, where it will be preserved for future students.

Upon seeing the book, we can readily understand why you have received so many congratulatory and appreciative responses. It is a charming and valuable book.

Perhaps you will be so kind as to use the enclosed envelope to send us a brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Gibson for our files. We like to have such information about all the authors.

Please accept our thanks for making it possible to include the collection of your wife's poems.

Very truly yours

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SECRETARY

Cape Elizabeth, Maine, October 17 '39

Miss Hilda McLeod, Secretary  
The Maine State Library,  
Augusta? Maine.

My Dear Miss McLeod:

I am receipt of your favor of the thirteenth requesting a brief biographical sketch of Mrs. Gibson for your files. I will be very glad to do this, but I must ask you to give me a little time to get it done. I will get it done as soon as I Possibly can.

Thank you very sincerely for your praise of the book. The contents of this, was only about a third of her writings, but in a Memorial Edition of this character, there was some subject matter, which was extremely witty and humorous, that could not be included, for the jokes and quips were as between old neighbors and friends.

Some of her prose articles, as character descriptions of fellow small townsmen, were a delight to those who were acquainted with the situation.

I owe a great deal to the Southworth- Anthoenson people for their very kind and sympathetic cooperation in getting out the book and finding for me the exact materials to carry out the design I had in mind. This book I felt was the only fitting way to commemorate a very exceptional character, mind, and spirit, so that something of that beautiful Soul could be known long after we both were gone. I am assured by the Southworth people that this Volume will, with ordinary care, last for 250 years, for both paper and binding are hand produced materials with all acid removed; both were imported from England.

This was entirely new work for me, editing and typeing, and book designing, but, as stated above, the Southworth people, with their long experience in fine work, are entirely responsible for the excellence of the job, and an unusual understanding of the spirit of the thing, and what I was trying to accomplish.

Each of these books was gotten out for some friend or acquaintance. The one supplied to your library was one of the three I had reserved for myself, but I thought, when I learned of your plan of preservation of the works of Maine Authors, I could do no better way of perpetuating her Memory.

Yours very Truly,

*Louis D. Spear*